



AOWB QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

The AOWB quarterly meeting was held on 7/27/10. Mrs. Mitchelene Shaddix was presented with an achievement proclamation from Governor Riley and a plaque from the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board thanking her for 10 years of dedicated service to the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board (AOWB) and the State of Alabama. Mrs. Shaddix responded with a rendition of the AOWB beginnings. She, along with administrative staff and other Board Members mapped out a program for keeping the Alabama environment clean. Mrs. Shaddix walked the floors of the Alabama State House informing the

legislators on the importance of a clean environment. This group of individuals, along with many others, later became the AOWB. She has “chaired” many committees during her tenure. Anytime an opportunity for improvement was encountered, it was acted on either as a rule or law change. The Alabama Administrative Code is filled with “**Authors:** Mitchelene Shaddix”. I look forward to assisting Mrs. Shaddix in her continued commitment and involvement with the onsite industry.

Mr. Kelly Allen, our newest board member, represents Portable Toilet licensees. The AOWB

has been involved with the State Legislature for years in an attempt to create a law for a portable restroom Board Member. Mr. Allen was nominated by the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Association and appointed by Lt. Governor Jim Folsom, Jr. Mr. Allen owns and operates All American Rental and Contracting Inc. in Cullman, Alabama. I have known and worked with Mr. Allen many years and would like to welcome him to the Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board and look forward to working with him.

Office Closures/meetings/ deadlines

- *AOWB Quarterly Meeting - 10-12-2010*
- *September 6, 2010—State Holiday-Office Closed*

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Continuing Education

The Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board accepts continuing education requests once they have been approved by the Board. Courses of interest shall be submitted to the Board for approval prior to the course date, along with the course agenda, schedule, and requested hours, so be sure to get your request in early. Courses are reviewed at quarterly board meetings.

ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

628-X-3-.05

Continuing Education and Training Requirements

The Board shall adopt programs for initial training to become licensed and continuing education for licensees as presented by the education coordinator or the Executive Director. The Education Coordinator or Executive Director may recommend to the Board the approval or disapproval of courses and classes that meet the requirements for initial training and continuing education credit hours for licensees.

Courses, classes or shows desiring approval by the Board shall submit prior to advertising the availability of subject classes, a complete agenda of coursework to include date, time and location and hours to be obtained. (Emphasis added)

REMAINING CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES FOR 2010

(NOTE: CONTINUING EDUCATION IS PART OF THE RENEWAL PROCESS – IF CONTINUING EDUCATION IS NOT OBTAINED BY DECEMBER 31, 2010, A \$100.00 LATE FEE WILL BE ASSESSED).

August 12-13, 2010 Wallace State College - Hanceville, AL, September 9-10, 2010 Florence Lauderdale Coliseum - Florence, AL.

October 28-29, 2010 John Archer Center - Mobile, AL, December 2-3, 2010 UWA Wallace Hall - Livingston, AL

LICENSING CLASSES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2010

All Licensing Classes are held at the University of West Alabama, Livingston

Basic Installer Class—An application to test must be completed and received in this office prior to taking the test. Testing fee -- \$100—November 10-12, 2010

Advanced Installer Level 1 Class—An application to test must be completed and received in this office prior to taking the test. Testing fee--\$150—August 25-27, 2010

Advanced Installer Level II Class—An application to test must be completed and received in this office prior to taking the test. Testing fee--\$200—October 13-15, 2010, December 8-10, 2010

Pumper Class—An application to test must be completed and received in this office prior to taking the test. Testing fee -- \$100—October 7-8, 2010

Manufacturing—An application to test must be completed and received in this office prior to taking the test. Testing fee -- \$100—September 1, 2010

LICENSE RENEWAL INFORMATION FOR 2011

RENEWING YOUR LICENSE FOR 2011

A renewal postcard was mailed to each licensee as a reminder of the upcoming renewal dates. The AOWB accepts online renewals, renewals paid at the office and renewals sent through the mail. If a licensee selects the option to renew using the Postal Service, he/she must request a "renewal package". This request should be completed in a timely manner; the AOWB will be accepting/mailling the packs after October 1, 2010. The AOWB allows licensees to request their license to be put on Inactive Status. The Inactive license is \$50 per year per license. The licensee is required to attend continuing education classes but a bond is not required. The license can be activated once requirements are satisfied (a bond, an application and the license fee are received by the AOWB). This should help licensees who are affected by the economy. Call the AOWB for more information. To avoid late fees, please renew no later than December 31, 2010.

Review the following renewal information before renewing your license

Bond should terminate 12/31 of each year.

Principal and licensee shall be the same.

Bond amount

Obligee – AOWB

List each county you work in. This allows local environmentalist to provide interested homeowners a list of installers and pumpers. Failure to complete this section will result in your base county as the county you perform work.

Provide your email address/addresses.

Code Of Alabama

Section 34-21A-16

Bond requirement for licensees.

In order to assure financial stability and professional competence and performance of licensees, all licensees, without exception, are required to be bonded for any work performed under the license. Minimum amounts for required bonds shall be established by the board and evidence of bond shall be provided to the board before any license will be issued. In no event may the minimum required bond amounts set by the board be less than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for a basic level license, or a manufacturer's license, and thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for an advanced level license.

Advance Level II

August 10, 2010 will end the "transition period" for the Advance Level II licensees. Call 334-269-6800 if you have questions.

ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

628-X-3-.04

Annual Renewal Of Licenses, Consequences Of Failure To Renew

(1) An Advanced Installer License holder without the experience of having installed Advanced Level II Systems by the time of license renewal following adoption of these rules can transition their license to Advanced Level II Installer license anytime during the ensuing three (3) years by installing five (5) Advanced Level II License systems. This exception for applicants will expire August 10, 2010. A person holding an Advanced Installer License at the time these rules are adopted not making a license transition during the three years following adoption of these rules will become an Advanced Level I license Installer. To become an Advanced Level II license Installer after three years the Advanced Installer must fulfill the Advanced Level II Installer License requirements.



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THE MISSION OF THE ALABAMA ONSITE WASTEWATER BOARD

The Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board was created to examine, license and regulate persons engaged in manufacturing, installation or servicing of onsite wastewater systems, including portable toilets, in Alabama. This Board was also created to establish the qualifi-

cation levels for those engaged in the manufacture, installation, servicing, cleaning or pumping of onsite wastewater systems and equipment in Alabama and promote the proper manufacture, installation and servicing of onsite wastewater systems.